



## **TOWN OF HUNTS POINT**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday  
July 31, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Planning Commission Chair John Torode called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### *Commission Members Present:*

John Torode, Chair  
Henry Frantz  
Rod Olson  
Bruce Swenson (*by phone*)

#### *Staff Present:*

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk Treasurer  
Joe Sabey, Mayor  
Mona Green, Town Planner

#### *Public Attendees:*

Jon Pagan - Site Workshop  
Scott Baker - Tree Solutions  
Nelson Adams – Hunts Point resident  
Brett Blasingame – Hunts Point resident  
David Bocek – Hunts Point resident  
Lori Brennan – Hunts Point resident  
Christopher Coburn – Hunts Point resident  
Janet Deaton – Hunts Point resident  
Laurie Finnely – Hunts Point resident  
Ken Fisher – Hunts Point resident

Geri Frantz – Hunts Point resident  
Ted Frantz – Hunts Point resident  
Claudia Gilleland – Hunts Point resident  
Fred Gilleland – Hunts Point resident  
Grey Hubert – Hunts Point resident  
Moya Laigo – Hunts Point resident  
Tane Larrabee – Hunts Point resident  
Denise Niles – Hunts Point resident  
Ernie Norehad – Hunts Point resident  
Penny O'Bryne – Hunts Point resident  
Virginia Park – Hunts Point resident  
Peter Powell – Hunts Point resident  
Daryl Russinovich – Hunts Point resident  
Mark Russinovich – Hunts Point resident  
Robert Schofield – Hunts Point resident  
Joyce Schweickert – Hunts Point resident  
Christine Shephard – Hunts Point resident  
Ric Shrewsbury – Hunts Point resident  
Theresa Shrewsbury – Hunts Point resident  
Gary Slotnik – Hunts Point resident  
Shelly Turner – Hunts Point resident  
Dan Temkin – Beautification Committee Chair, Hunts Point Councilmember  
David Wright – Hunts Point resident

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of March 27th, 2017 as presented. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Olson.

Passed 4-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC HEARING: HUNTS POINT BEAUTIFICATION PLAN – FOR DISCUSSION**

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR JOHN TORODE OPENS PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:09PM
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Beautification Committee Chair Dan Temkin gave the Planning Commissioners and public attendees a brief history of the Beautification Committee and summary of the Hunts Point's Beautification Project. The initial phase will include, amongst other elements, new landscaping around Town Hall, the entrance to the Town, and at the intersection of Hunts Point Road and Hunts Point Circle. Part of the project calls for the selective removal of a row of trees adjacent to the gravel parking strip along Hunts Point Road, west of Town Hall. Per the Town's tree code (HPMC 8.25.050), the Planning Commission must hold a public hearing and make a

recommendation to the Council. Mr. Temkin asked that conversation and discussion only pertain to the removal of the identified trees.

Jon Pagan with Site Workshop provided more in-depth details of the project and answered public attendee queries as needed.

Scott Baker with Tree Solutions addressed the Commission and provided more information about row of trees. Many of the trees (which are predominantly western red cedar) were initially planted too close together to allow for adequate tree health and growth. Tree Solutions recommends selectively removing seventeen of the sixty-six trees in this grove based on their location and health. The removal of these trees will increase resources for the remaining trees, and allow them to thrive. The Horse Chestnuts (identified in the Town's tree code as "significant trees") will benefit greatly from the removal of the seventeen western red cedars. Mr. Baker also answered various public attendee questions about the prospective tree removals.

Separately, several residents had questions pertaining to the SR520 lid maintenance negotiations. Mayor Sabey gave a brief status overview and encouraged residents to reach out to him directly as well as Town staff if they have future questions.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR JOHN TORODE CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:21PM
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Commissioners continued their discussion based upon the information presented and input from the public.

**MOTION:** Recommend the Hunts Point Town Council hold a public hearing and authorize the removal of the trees identified in the proposal submitted by the Beautification Committee.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 4-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Olson.

Passed 4-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

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Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer